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E.D. SUMMONS FOR SHIVAKUMAR IN NATIONAL HERALD CASE

Karnataka Congress President asked to appear at the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office in Delhi on Friday

BHARAT JODO YATRA AND THE CURIOUS TIMING

The latest summons comes as 'Bharat Jodo Yatra', led by Rahul Gandhi, entered the BJP-ruled Karnataka on Friday. As the state party chief, Shivakumar is tasked with overseeing the preparations for the yatra. "I have decided to honour the summons and appear," Shivakumar said. However, he will write to the probe agency requesting another date | P4

'BJP USING AGENCIES TO HARASS'

- "The BJP cannot fight me politically so they harass me using agencies. My only crime is that I speak about unemployment, price rise and other people's issues," Shivakumar tweeted
- He was questioned by the ED last month over another money laundering case linked to possession of disproportionate assets

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DAYS IS THE LENGTH OF THE KARNATAKA LEG OF THE BHARAT JODO YATRA

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34 CRUSHED TO DEATH

While 34 fans were crushed to death during the stampede at the stadium, others passed away at hospitals. The 42,000-capacity stadium was packed. 3,000 people stormed the pitch

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More were injured. About 20 went to the team doctor for treatment; four of them died. "Fans died in the arms of players," Arema coach Roca said

COP KILLING THE TRIGGER

Police treated the violence as riots. They said they tried to force the thousands of fans to return to the stands from the pitch and fired tear gas after two officers were killed

Police firing tear gas shells to manage the unruly fans at Kanjuruhan stadium in Malang, East Java on Saturday | AFP

125 killed in Indonesia's soccer stadium stampede

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AT least 125 football fans were killed in a horrific stampede at a stadium in Indonesia after police tear-gassed those who invaded the pitch, making it one of the world's worst stadium disasters in history.

The pitch invasion began after home team Arema FC of East Java's Malang city lost to Persebaya of Surabaya 3-2 in an Indonesia league match at the Kanjuruhan Stadium. This was Arema's first loss to arch rival Persebaya in 23 years.

Thousands of infuriated supporters of Arema threw bottles and other objects at players and football officials, and scaled the railings forcing the police to take action. After initial caning, the police fired tear gas shells at the crowd, triggering a mad rush to the gates of the stadium. Many suffocated fans were trampled as hundreds of people ran to the exit to avoid the tear gas. In the chaos, 34 died at the stadium, including two officers. A few children, too, were among the casualties.

Spectators said police officers fired tear gas directly at them in the stands. "Many victims fell because of shortness of breath and difficulty seeing due to tear gas and were trampled," said Ahmad Fatoni to AP. He said he climbed the roof of the stands and only came down when the situation calmed down.

Fifa said no "crowd control gas" should be used to deal with mob violence during matches. While president Joko Widodo ordered a probe into security procedures the country's soccer association suspended the premier soccer league, Liga 1, indefinitely in light of the tragedy. It also banned Arema from hosting soccer matches for the rest of the season.

Since Arema and Persebaya have been rivals, Persebaya's fans were banned from buying tickets for the game due to fears of violence. Yet, the tragedy occurred, tarnishing the beautiful game. P9

Tharoor challenges rival Kharge for public debate

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Fobbed off consensus ploy

Kharge said he told Tharoor to settle for a consensus candidate, but the latter insisted on a contest for democracy's sake. Meanwhile, three young Congress leaders — Deepender Hooda, Naseer Hussain and Gourav Vallabh — resigned as spokespersons to campaign for Kharge

CONGRESS presidential candidate Shashi Tharoor on Sunday challenged rival Mallikarjun Kharge to a public debate similar to those conducted in Western democracies to help the voters choose the best candidate to lead the party.

He said that the Congress voters are spread across the vast length and breadth of India and it was difficult for any candidate to reach all of them within the short span of two-and-a-half weeks of campaigning time allowed as per the election schedule.

Claiming that he had no ideological differences with Kharge, Tharoor said an open exchange of ideas between candidates will help the delegates imbibe the party's dominant ideas and lead to galvanising the organisation. He said such a debate will also attract the general public to the Congress party.

Tharoor, who has been running a Twitter hashtag "ThinkTomorrowThinkTharoor", had earlier dubbed Kharge as a "candidate of continuity" and the Congress party's Bhishma Pitamah, said "I have a vision for Congress which I will be sending to all the delegates (voters on presidential election), we are going to seek their support... I am here to be voice of all party workers."

He said the nomination papers he had submitted "reflect extraordinarily wide range of support extended voluntarily to me by party workers across India." He submitted six sets of forms, which, he said, "represent party workers from a dozen states in India. We're very pleased to have signs of party colleagues from Kashmir to Kerala, from Punjab to Nagaland. I hope my campaign will appeal to them and represent the way forward for the party."

Promising not to let down party workers, Tharoor said "those who would like to continue the status quo would not be inclined to vote for me because I represent change, a different approach, and a vision to take the party forward in a different way as for some years we've been suffering setbacks."

Tharoor released a detailed manifesto for reviving the party's fortunes. Among the proposals are a two-term cap for the party president; no seat for two-term losers; constitution of a shadow cabinet; transparent functioning; techno-management; revamp of students, youth and women wings; reach out to industries, professionals and MSMEs; decentralise leadership; and emphasis on India's innate ideas of pluralism, secularism and economic growth.

He thanked Sonia Gandhi's guidance and vision and said "it is a privilege to serve the only party in India with an open democratic process to choose its leader... She assured me that the party has no official candidate and the Gandhi family will stay neutral."

Mars Orbiter to blink out after 8 years

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THE Mars Orbiter craft, which was part of India's first Mangalyaan mission eight years ago, may soon disappear into the oblivion as it has run out of jet propellant and batteries, while connection with it has been lost. The Orbiter, though was initially expected to last just about six months, served the space community for over eight long years.

The Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) was launched onboard PSLV-C25 on November 5, 2013 and the spacecraft was injected into Mars orbit on September 24, 2014.

ISRO spokesperson confirmed the news to TNIE and said the Orbiter had already outlived its lifespan and served the required purpose. The service has not been fully halted, but partially, he added. Till the fuel lasted, the ISRO could manoeuvre the craft to take it to a new orbit to avoid any impending eclipse. But there were two eclipses recently that lasted over seven hours and all the propellant on the craft was exhausted. The batteries can last an eclipse of one hour and 40 mins, but recent celestial events lasted much longer, draining the batteries beyond the safe limit, ISRO sources said.

However, the mission's main objectives were realised. They included the design and flight aspect of the orbiter, where it could function independently during its journey phase, the spacecraft's injection into the Martian orbit and in-orbit phase around Mars. P5

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Only ₹100? KSRTC staffers fume

Bengaluru: The transport corporation staff have complained that ₹100 allotted per bus by the department to perform the puja as part of Ayudha Puja is meagre. Senior officials said, "How can we satisfy them? We need ₹2,000/bus". P5

Mulayam Singh shifted to ICU

Gurugram: SP leader Mulayam Singh Yadav was on Sunday moved to the ICU of Medanta Hospital in Gurugram after his health condition deteriorated. The 82-year-old leader has been under oncological treatment since August 22.

4 women washed away in Koppal dist

Hubballi: Four women were washed away while crossing a stream in Koppal district on Saturday. The victims Girija Malipatil, 32, Bovaneshwari Policepatil, 40, Pavitra Policepatil, 41, and Veena Malipatil, 22, are residents of Sankanur village.

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Shri Anand Singh, Hon. Minister for Tourism, Environment & Ecology, participating in a Yoga session.